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PREPARATION OF JAMAICA'S COUNTRY RISK PROFILE

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***Disaster Risk Reduction tools developed under the
DIPECHO Action Plan for the Caribbean 2011-2012***

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Context - the HelpAge Project

Background

What is the Country Document

Common format for preparation of Country Document

Process for preparation of Country Document

Hurricane Sandy

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Conclusion

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Context

HELP AGE PROJECT

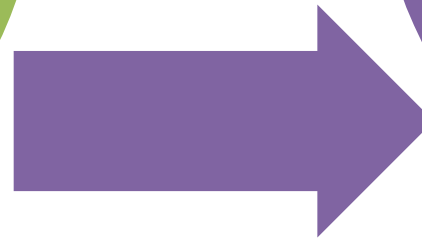
- Helping vulnerable populations and communities to manage risks associated with hurricanes and floods
- Fifteen (15) month project
- Implemented jointly by
 - HelpAge International
 - Jamaica Red Cross
 - With Support of the National Disaster Management Office

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CONTEXT

**Funding Support
from the
Humanitarian &
Civil Protection
Department of the
European Union
(ECHO)**



Project Goal -
reduce the impact of
natural disasters on
at-risk populations
and their livelihood
assets in vulnerable
communities in St
Catherine and
Portland, Jamaica.



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(UNISDR) developed the Common Format for the Preparation of Country Documents.



Goal: Provide guidance to countries about the presentation of information on disaster risk at national level.



Contextualization: required for the Caribbean region from document developed for South America.



Process for DEVELOPMENT of the Country Document led by (ODPEM)



Technical support made available through the services of a consultant.



Outcome: main product of the entire process is known as the **COUNTRY DOCUMENT**



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BACKGROUND

Key Output of
the Help Age
Project -

the
development of
the Country
Document on
Disaster Risk
Reduction.

Document will be a
key output of a
series of consultative
processes

- with key stakeholders
- to design the
programme framework
that will support the
country's disaster
preparedness and risk
reduction action plan.



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COUNTRY DOCUMENT

BROAD AND VARIED INFORMATION ON HAZARDS,
VULNERABILITIES AND CAPACITIES IN THE
COUNTRY.

THE MOST RELEVANT INFORMATION ON DISASTERS,
AND ISSUES IN THE COUNTRY,

THE AIM OF THE DOCUMENT WILL BE TO
PROVIDE ACTORS AND STAKEHOLDERS
WITH RELEVANT INFORMATION

- INTERNATIONAL, REGIONAL, NATIONAL AND
COMMUNITY LEVELS

PRIORITIZE AREAS OF WORK, GEOGRAPHIC LOCATIONS
FOR INVESTMENT OR WORK IN DISASTER RISK
REDUCTION.

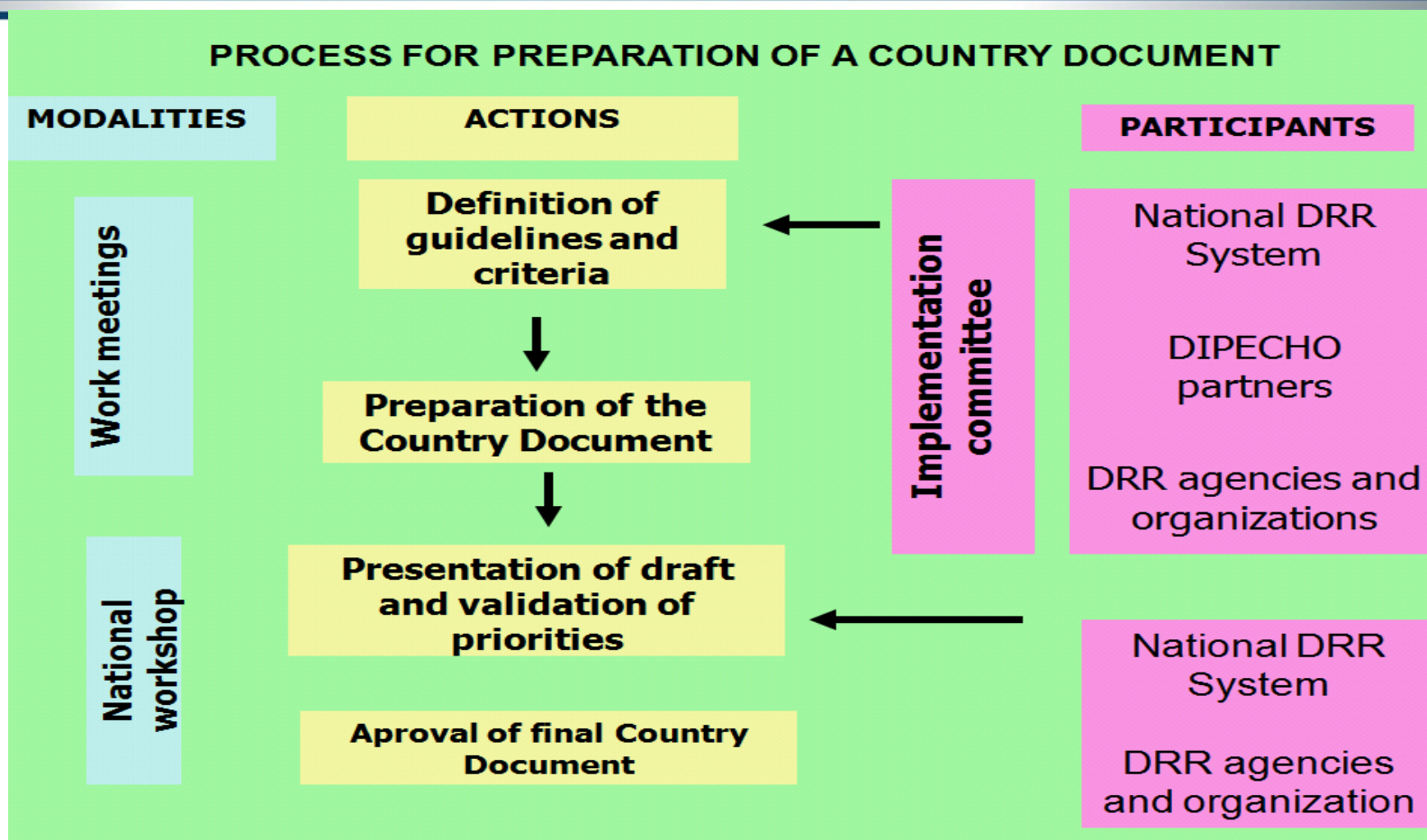


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Methodological Outline as outlined in the common formats document UNSIDR

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Methodology for Preparation

MULTI STAKEHOLDER APPROACH

National Workshop Helping vulnerable population and communities to manage risks (January 2012).

- **Objective of Workshop was to apprise stakeholders of the project and also to introduce them to the Country Document Process**

Framework to support the development of the Country Document was guided by “Lessons Learnt from Hazard Management Experience in Jamaica presentation by ODPEM

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National DRR Workshop - Thematic areas were discussed in Work Groups. The thematic areas covered were:

- Emerging trends in disaster risk reduction,
- Best practices in disaster mitigation and preparedness,
- Policy framework
- Working with vulnerable populations and communities in disaster risk reduction



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ESTABLISHMENT OF STEERING COMMITTEE

A Steering Committee was established. The membership include:

- HelpAge International, Jamaica Red Cross, Office of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management
- The Steering Committee has been meeting regularly from May – September

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THE KEY ROLES OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE ARE TO:

- Provide oversight to the development of the Country Document;
- Review and finalize the Country Document Format
- Recruitment of Consultant and associated management of Consultancy
- Planning and implementation of the National DRR Workshop and Consultations
- Revision of Draft Country Document
- Approve final version of the Document



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Review of common formats document by the steering committee and critical DRR stakeholders.

- Document was circulated among critical stakeholders
- Feedback was provided through email.
- Comments collated by the steering committee and submitted.



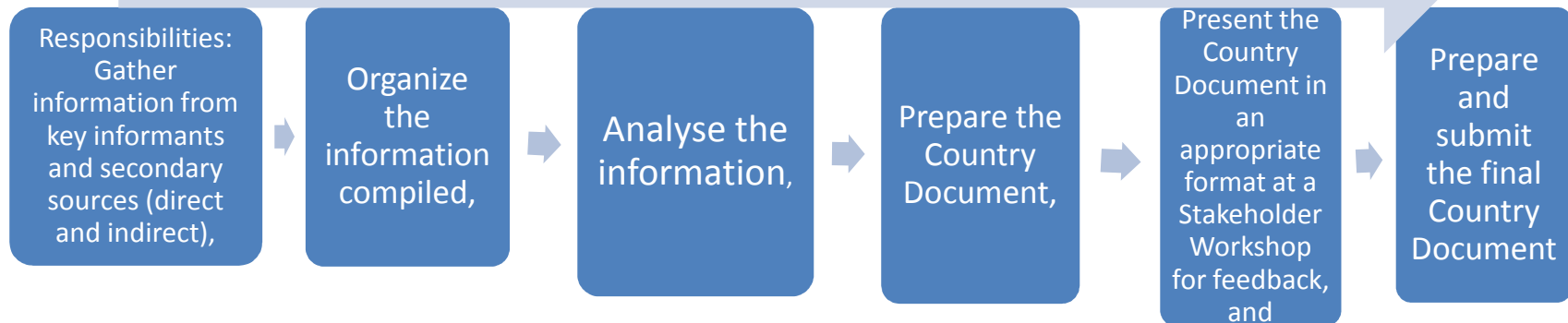
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Hiring of Consultant



The Consultant will carry out a desk review of all relevant data will liaise with focal points in relevant government ministries and agencies and NGOs to secure such information. The Consultant will also carry out interviews with key informants

1. Pre-workshop planning and consultation with the consultant - – The consultant will meet with ODPEM staff to determine a suitable approach to garnering the information and agree on invitees.
2. Workshop facilitation - He/she will also assist in facilitation at the workshop. The workshop will first set the context and overview of the meeting. A presentation of the previous country report (2009) will be done. This is to refresh the memory of the agencies and the aid in measuring the current progress to date. A presentation of the monitoring tool will also be done. The workshop will then be organized into four working groups to complete the template. These groups include: risk identification, environment and planning, which will also include the sectors, utilities and infrastructure and welfare
3. Post workshop review – The consultant will meet with the ODPEM to review the findings from the workshop.
4. Submission of country document by consultant

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National Country Document consultation Workshop (August 2012)

Objective of the workshop
was to garner input from key
stakeholders on the content
of the Country Document

Stakeholders at the workshop were:

- NEPA, National Meteorological Service, Mona Ageing & Wellness Centre, Earthquake Unit, Office of the Prime Minister, Jamaica Red Cross, OAS, PIOJ, help age, ODPEM, water resources authority
- Stakeholders were also invited to identify Focal Points for further follow-up actions

Final consultation to be held. Presentation of final country document involving stakeholder comments

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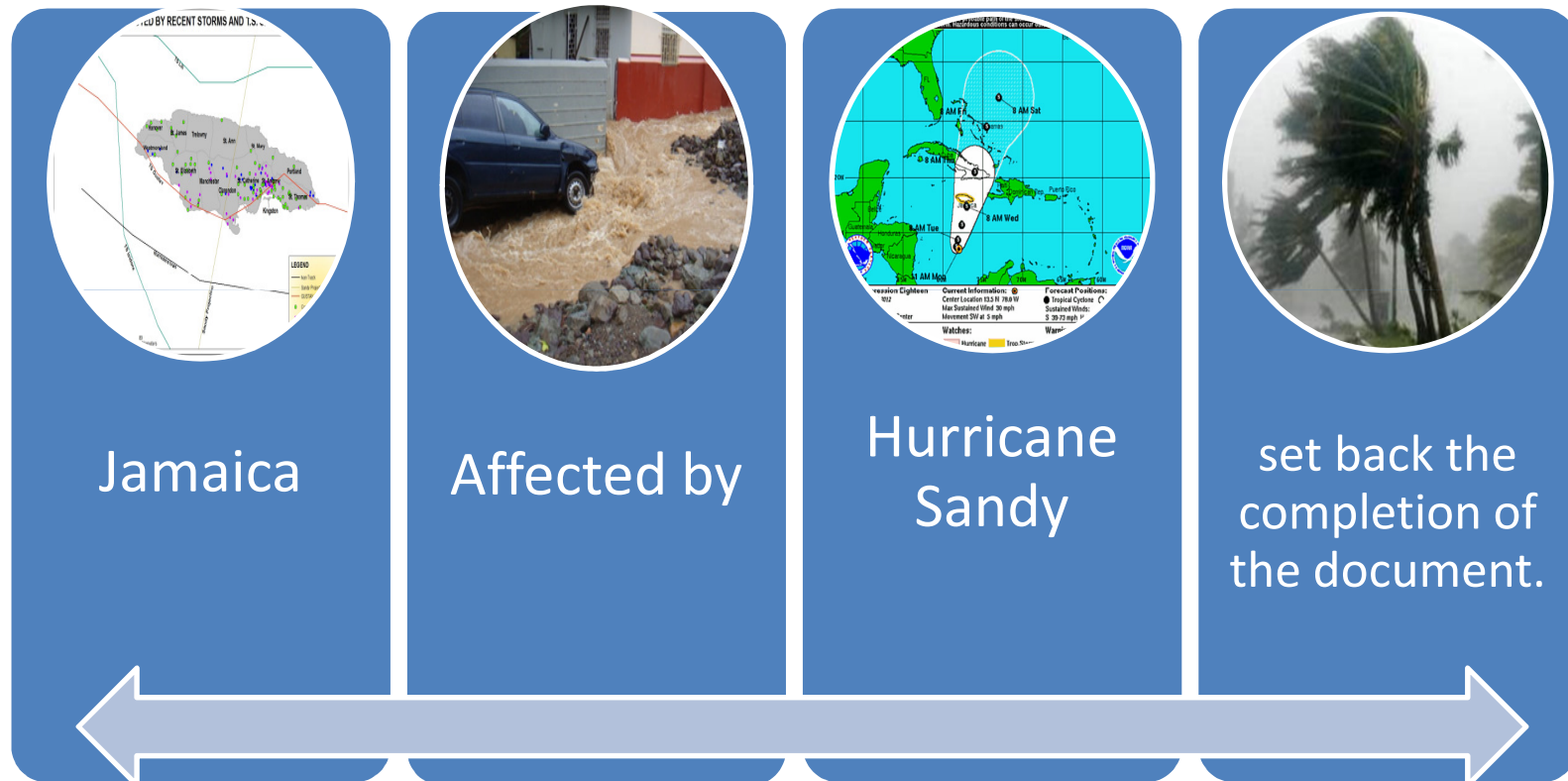


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Challenges in the Process



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Benefits of Country Document

Baseline Document

Consistent with the mandate of the National Disaster organization

Support the National Development Strategy and DRM programme

Contribution to Hyogo Framework for Action in their progress towards DRR.

Regional and International areas for interventions and cooperation.

Resource for the development and strengthening of policies, and strategies for the implementation for DRR

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Concluding Statements

“What we seek to do is to dispel the myths, to build the confidence of our people by increasing the knowledge, and to change the culture to accept that perhaps we are a people [prone to] disaster.”

Ronald Jackson, Director General, ODPEM

So,

Combined efforts + various initiatives towards one goal

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reshaping and developing a culture towards integrated comprehensive disaster risk management

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Thank you!

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